

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the following paragraph that was previously inserted after the second paragraph on page 5, lines 17-27:

As also illustrated in FIG. 4, branched carbon nanotubes 20 are illustrated branching off from a main carbon nanotube 21. It is noted that as illustrated in FIG. 4, dispersed catalytic metal particles 22 are uniformly distributed on the internal and external walls of the carbon nanotubes. As further mentioned below, the dispersed catalytic metal particles 22 are adsorbed onto the external (as illustrated in FIG. 4 as black dots) and absorbed into the internal wall (as illustrated in FIG. 4 as gray dots) on surfaces of both the main and branched carbon nanotubes.